

Prior to the reconsideration of the claimed invention, please amend the claims as follows:

In the claims:

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~~36. (Twice Amended) A cover for sealing an open-topped container comprising:~~

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~~a piece of heat shrinkable film shaped and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said container, wherein said piece of heat shrinkable film is a film substrate that contracts when heated and which remains [is transparent to radiant energy thereby remaining] unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy further wherein said downwardly extending portion is adapted to include [includes] a first means to absorb radiant energy [,] to transfer heat to said first means being exposed to a radiant energy source wherein said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk onto said container to form a spill resistant cover upon exposure to a radiant energy source.~~

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~~In claim 38, line 2, delete "tinting" and replace with --tint--.~~

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~~41. (Twice Amended) A roll of heat shrinkable film for use in a device for forming spill resistant covers on open-topped containers, said roll comprising:~~

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~~a plurality of severable pieces of heat shrinkable film formed in a continuous film, each piece being shaped and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said container wherein said heat shrinkable film is a film substrate that contracts when heated and which remains [is transparent to radiant energy thereby remaining] unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy, further wherein said downwardly extending portion~~

*AS2*

is adapted to include [includes] a first means to absorb radiant energy to transfer heat to said downwardly extending portion upon said first means being exposed to a radiant energy source wherein said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk onto said container to form a spill resistant cover upon exposure to a radiant energy source.

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43. (Amended) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means is a [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material carried by the film substrate said radiant energy absorbent coating [susceptor] material being sufficiently opaque to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb said radiant energy.

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44. (Amended) The heat shrinkable film of claim 41 wherein said first means is a radiant energy absorbent coating [susceptor] material carried by the film substrate said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material being sufficiently opaque to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb said radiant energy.

45. (Amended) The cover of claim 43 wherein said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate forming a [susceptor] radiant energy absorbing layer at those specific portions, and other portions of said film substrate are free of [susceptor] said radiant energy absorbent coating [and are substantially transparent to radiant energy], and wherein upon said cover being exposed to a source of radiant energy said [transparent] portions free of radiant energy absorbent coating material transmit said radiant energy without appreciable warming and said portions carrying said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material heat sufficiently to cause a shrinkage of said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbing coating material

carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential shrinkage in a predetermined manner.

*D3 Cancelled*

46. (Amended) The heat shrinkable film of claim 44 wherein said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate forming a [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent layer at those specific portions, and other portions of said film substrate are free of [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material [and are substantially transparent to radiant energy], and wherein upon said heat-shrinkable film being exposed to a source of radiant energy said [transparent] portions free of radiant energy absorbent coating material transmit said radiant energy without appreciable warming and said portions carrying said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material heat sufficiently to cause a shrinkage of said [susceptor] radiant energy absorbent coating material carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential shrinkage in a predetermined manner.

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Remarks

This amendment has been filed in response to the Office Action issued on November 24, 1998.

Applicants appreciate the withdrawal of the Finality of the previous Office Action.

Applicants now submit that, in view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented below, the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and notification of allowability are therefor requested.